

GERMANY PLAYING INTO ALLIES' HAND

War Correspondent Believes Conflict Will Continue Until Spring.

PLAY WAITING GAME

French and English Will Attempt to Wear Out the Kaiser's Men.

By United Press.
By William Philip Simms.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT THE FRONT, Dec. 20. (By mail to New York).—I have the distinct impression that the French, English and German armies will remain pretty much where they are until well into next spring, and that but for occasional and sometimes possibly bloody encounters in this, the Western theater of the war, most of the action will come in the region of the Russian frontier, until that time.

From what I have seen of the Allies' preparation back of the actual fighting line, for the Germans to make much headway south seems to be impossible. I gather also that the Allies are quite satisfied with the situation as it is. Officers are firmly convinced that Germany is daily growing weaker while their own side is growing stronger every day. They say they can afford to play a waiting game and let Germany do the costly attacking. Germany, they insist, yearns to strike a telling blow at the earliest possible moment because she realizes that every moment lost leaves her that much weaker in men, money, munitions and food.

Allies' Officers "All Smiles."
Another thing which pleases the strategists here is the extended battle line, hundreds of miles long. They claim this places the Germans at a capital disadvantage. Desirous of forcing a decisive action, the Kaiser's forces apparently cannot do so because stretched out over such extended territory the necessary concentration is out of the question. At the same time to shorten the battle line would expose the flanks to the Allies' offensive.

Here every officer I meet is all smiles. At the beginning of the war it must be confessed, there was more or less uneasiness among the military men. This is all changed now. On all sides one meets with the utmost confidence in the final outcome of the war.

The impression here seems to be that the war will be rather a long one. Everywhere I see preparations which lend emphasis to this belief. Behind the lines the French organization has been perfecting itself until at this moment it is running with the precision of a well-oiled piece of machinery. The system of revictualing the army and keeping it supplied with ammunition, the arrangement for evacuating the wounded and generally the whole administration of the army is now organized as though the war is a permanent institution destined to last for all time.

Plan to Wear Germany Down.

In short, the Allies are perfectly prepared to play a waiting game if appearances count for anything. I feel sure they are of the opinion that they can wear Germany down and sooner or later, at a moment they judge opportune, strike the decisive blow. Until that time I believe they will content themselves with blocking Germany's blows, knowing that each blow uses up that much power and makes her by just that much easier to master when the final hour arrives.

Germany, I am convinced, is playing into the Allies' hands whether she wills it or not. Like a person caught in a quicksand, the more she struggles the deeper she sinks into the sands.

Germany may try to decide things this winter, but she can scarcely succeed. Perhaps along the Russian frontier somewhere during the cold weather a telling action may be fought, but otherwise there promises to be a lull in the fighting,—not a complete cessation,—until the sap rises. Then may commence the beginning of the end.

SUPREME COURT RECONVENES

Important Decisions on Suffrage and Labor Questions Expected.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A big batch of decisions were certain when the Supreme Court reconvened today, following the holiday recess. Incidentally the court entered upon its "long stretch" of continuous work, no more recesses being in sight before spring.

Important cases in which decisions might be expected today were those testing the anti-negro voting "grandfather clauses" of Oklahoma and Maryland, and that testing the constitutionality of the Oregon minimum wage law for women, upon which hangs the fate of similar laws in many other states.

WINS WIFE, LOSES HIS JOB

President James of Illinois U. Won't Have Son-in-Law on Staff.
CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—George Enfield Fraser, comptroller of the University of Illinois and professor of public accounting there, has lost his place through winning as his wife Miss Helen James, daughter of Edmund James, president of the university.

The engagement of Miss James and Professor Fraser was announced a few days ago.

Yesterday President James announced the resignation of his future son-in-law had been accepted, and coupled with the announcement was the statement that no son-in-law could serve on the same faculty with himself.

"In my judgment the appointment and promotion of relatives of influential persons on the staff to positions in the university is one of the serious defects of American college and university administration," he said.

"No man is a fair judge of the abilities or services of his own children or other relatives. He is very likely to overvalue them or, in his attempt to be just, he may lean over backward."

"Professor Fraser is a most competent man in a responsible and important position in the administration of university affairs, but his new relation to the president of the university makes his retention impossible if the largest interests of the university are to be served."

C. H. S. FIVE TO PLAY 16 GAMES

Ten Already Scheduled, Two With St. Louis Manual.

The Columbia High School basketball schedule, when completed, will consist of sixteen or seventeen games. Negotiations are now under way for a home game with Moberly High, two games with Booneville High, one game with Jefferson City at Columbia, and a home game with Independence.

Contracts have already been signed for the following games:

Tuesday, Jan. 5, All-Class, at home.
Monday, Jan. 11, Fayette High, at Fayette.

Friday, Jan. 15, Missouri Military Academy, at home.
Monday, Jan. 25, Fayette High, at home.

Monday, Feb. 1, Mexico High, at home.
Friday, Feb. 5, Sedalia High, at Sedalia.

Friday, Feb. 12, St. Louis Manual, at home.
Saturday, Feb. 13, St. Louis Manual, at home.

Friday, Feb. 19, Moberly High, at Moberly.
Friday, March 19, Sedalia High, at home.

ASK SENATE ELECTION PROBE

Delegates to Popular Government League Want Investigation.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Calling for investigation of alleged use of vast sums of money in the United States Senatorial primaries in Pennsylvania and Illinois, the annual meeting of the National Popular Government League began here today. Senator Owen of Oklahoma, president, presided.

The League went on record as favoring the resolution of Senator Norris, urging a Senate investigation of the campaigns in which Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania and Roger Sullivan of Illinois figured last fall. Enactment of a new federal corrupt practices act, and the initiative and referendum, were topics discussed by prominent speakers.

ENROLLING FOR SHORT COURSE

Second Term Begins—Registration Method Simplified.

Enrollment for the second term of the short course in Agriculture began this morning. This time it is taking place entirely at the Agricultural Building, eliminating the necessity of lining up in Academic Hall as well as the Agricultural Building. The registrar and the secretary of the University have representatives at the Agricultural Building in charge of a portion of the enrollment.

Stanley Sisson Gave a Smoker.

Stanley Sisson, manager of the cafeteria, entertained the boys who work at the Cafeteria and those who stayed over for the holidays at a smoker Christmas eve.

DEBATERS TO GET ANOTHER CHANCE

Second Preliminary Trial Will Be Held Friday Evening.

TO INCREASE SQUAD

Kansas Question, Concerning Monroe Doctrine, Will Be Argued.

The second preliminary try-out for the debating squad will be held in the University Auditorium at 7 o'clock next Friday evening. The Kansas question, "Resolved that the United States Should Abandon the Monroe Doctrine," will be debated. Each man will be allowed one six-minute speech.

This debate is open to any student in the University. Anyone who failed or who did not compete in the former preliminary can debate Friday night and has equal chances with any other man to make the team. No man who tried out before Christmas will have to pay a second fee.

Six to eight men will be chosen from this trial to be added to the squad. Fourteen men have been chosen already. They are: E. V. Abernethy, A. B. Armstrong, Paul Arthur, W. K. Atwood, C. A. Chase, C. E. Cowherd, Arthur Emig, B. Hurwitz, R. H. Limbaugh, Chester R. Longwell, E. K. Lutes, Allison Reppy, W. G. Smrall and W. M. Stringer.

Those who intend to compete should give their names, with the side preferred, to Prof. D. C. McEuen, 212 Academic Hall, at once, so that the order of trials may be arranged. If enough freshmen come out a separate prize will be given.

Final trials for the teams that will debate Colorado, Texas and Kansas probably will be held on the evening of January 16.

TO ELECT FARMER STAFF

Students to Choose Editors for Their Publication Tomorrow Night.

The staff of the College Farmer for next year will be selected at the meeting of the Agricultural Club tomorrow night. The candidates are: Editor, Manly Stockton; business manager, William Ewing; assistant business manager, W. M. Neil and L. R. Wisdom; circulation manager, H. S. Varner and R. Q. Brown; college news, W. D. Powell and M. D. Wood; poultry, M. D. Wood and W. Wilder; animal husbandry, C. W. Sheppard; farm management, D. C. Wood and Don Sheppard; dairy, Percy Werner; horticulture, I. F. Nuckolls and C. B. Gray; soils, John Fehsenfeld; alumni, Don C. Fitch and R. H. Garcelon.

Holds Institute at Shiloh Church.

J. Kelly Wright, institute lecturer for the State Board of Agriculture, began a three days' farmers' institute at Shiloh Church near California, Mo., today. The Rev. Edmund Wilkes of Columbia, pastor of the church there, is assisting Mr. Wright.

Miss Hartman's Mother Dies.

Miss Frances Hartman, a student in the College of Arts and Science of the University, was detained at home in Maryville by the sudden death of her mother. She will return to school this week.

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Alumni and Students Discuss New Missouri Spirit at Luncheon.

A hundred alumni and students of the University of Missouri gathered at the Densmore Hotel in Kansas City Saturday for a real "Old Mizzou" rally and luncheon.

They declared their faith in the new Missouri spirit and discussed the hopeful outlook for the next football season. H. K. Poindexter, Radford Pittam and Duane L. Tice spoke for the Jackson County students at Missouri. They assured the alumni that an even better Tiger team is expected this year. It is proposed to make this rally luncheon an annual event, according to William C. Lucas and Sam B. Sebre, president and secretary of the Kansas City alumni of the University.

ELOPERS POSTPONE RETURN

No Word Up to Noon Today From Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Scurlock.

At noon today Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scurlock were still enjoying their honeymoon in St. Louis—or elsewhere. No further word had been received from the elopers according to Mrs. R. P. Scurlock, Mr. Scurlock's mother, and Miss Mildred Batterton, a sister of the bride. Mr. Scurlock and Miss Mary Batterton slipped away and were married in St. Louis Saturday.

An Early Farmers' Week Arrival.

C. R. Dawson of Grant City, Mo., who came to Columbia last night, was the first of the Farmers' Week visitors to arrive. Mr. Dawson intends to spend this week in a study or pedigrees of shorthorn cattle under Prof. E. A. Trowbridge.

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Beatrice Gjertsen Weds Schoolmate.

By United Press.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 4.—A romance started when both were school children, culminated today when Dr. Albert Bessessen of Albert Lea, Minn., married Miss Beatrice Gjertsen, nationally known opera singer. Miss Gjertsen had just returned from a tour of Europe and was booked for Minneapolis. The doctor attended the recital. After the recital he met the singer at a reception and the school-day romance was renewed.

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